

REMARKS

Claims 37-41 and 56-86 are pending under consideration. In the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2009, the Examiner indicates that the non-statutory double-patenting rejections of claims 38, 57, 61-68, 70, 71, 73, 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 85, and 86 over certain issued claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,186,412; 6,350,456; and 7,311,922 are maintained, because the terminal disclaims filed October 12, 2009, have been deemed unacceptable.

In response, new terminal disclaimers disclaiming the patent term beyond those of U.S. Patent No. 7,186,412; 6,350,456; and 7,311,922 are filed with this paper. Also filed are a statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) and a power of attorney.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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